

Remarks

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Invention I, including original claims 1-14 and newly added claims 45-62 without traverse.

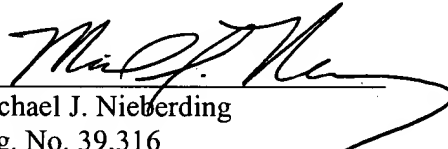
In response to the restriction requirement, applicants traverse this requirement. Relative to Category A, Figs. 1 and 3 show variations of a pallet on pallet arrangement, with Fig. 3 essentially being a more detailed, engineering type drawing than Fig. 1. Relative to Category B, Fig. 1 shows an exemplary pivot arm 160 arrangement for the system and claim 11 shows a portion of a downstream pivot arm 164 when positioned adjacent downstream gripping arms 220. Applicants do not understand why the examiner believes the drawings define distinct species. However, to the extent the examiner considers election necessary, in Category A applicants elect Species I, Fig. 1 and in Category B applicants elect Species I, Fig. 8. Applicants note that all of elected claims 1-14 and 45-62 read on both Fig. 1 and Fig. 8.

Conclusion

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